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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Executive Director  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding to Address S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-460(A)(1) and S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-460(A)(2) (Promulgation and Periodic Review of Standards for Interconnection and Parallel Operation of Generating Facilities to an Electrical Utility's Distribution and Transmission System)**

**Docket No. 2019-326-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

I am writing on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC"), Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" and together with DEC, the "Duke Companies"), Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC"), Carolinas Clean Energy Business Association ("CCEBA"), and Southern Current, LLC ("Southern Current"). The Duke Companies, DESC, CCEBA, and Southern Current are referred to collectively as the "Interested Parties." Pursuant to Order No. 2020-825 (the "Order") issued in this docket on December 16, 2020, the Interested Parties submit this progress report to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") on the status of stakeholder engagement under "Phase 2" of the interconnection-reform process in this docket.

In the most recent November 29, 2021 update submitted pursuant to the Order, the Interested Parties reported that DESC and the Duke Companies were reviewing stakeholder comments to the proposed revisions to the South Carolina Generator Interconnection Procedures (the "SCGIP") arising from the stakeholder meeting held on October 5, 2021. During that stakeholder meeting, DESC and the Duke Companies solicited additional feedback on the proposed revisions to the SCGIP and several parties submitted comments to the revisions presented at that meeting.

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Since submitting the most recent progress report to the Commission on November 29, 2021, the Duke Companies and DESC have received comments from CCEBA and also met with CCEBA in December 2021 to discuss the feedback and proposals. The Duke Companies and DESC continue to review comments by CCEBA and other stakeholders and expect to address those comments during an upcoming stakeholder meeting.<sup>1</sup>

Since submitting the most recent progress report, DESC has also filed its Application for Approval of the Appendix DESC CS in the above-captioned docket to implement queue reform revisions under the SCGIP that would authorize DESC to transition from a serial study process to a cluster study process.<sup>2</sup>

The Interested Parties are encouraged by the continued dialogue and steady progress made toward a final version of proposed revisions to the SCGIP. Ultimately, the Interested Parties believe this dialogue will result in modifications to the SCGIP that represent a workable solution for the various interests involved in this process. The Interested Parties appreciate the opportunity to continue this stakeholder process, and will update the Commission again on their progress in sixty days (no later than March 29, 2022) in compliance with the Order.

Sincerely,



Sam Wellborn

cc: Parties of Record (via email)

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<sup>1</sup> The Interested Parties expect this stakeholder meeting will take place no later than the first quarter of 2022.

<sup>2</sup> DESC's Application states that the proposed Appendix DESC CS is "substantially similar" to the Duke Companies' cluster study proposal that was approved by the Commission on June 18, 2021.